

**The University of Huddersfield  
Minutes of the Senate  
27 June 2018**

- Present:** Professor R Cryan (Chair), Professor M Adkins, Professor A Ball, Professor P Bissell, Mr T Bowden, Dr R Crossley (on behalf of Dr Y Novakovic), Mrs S Furmedge, Professor P Goswani, Dr A Harris (on behalf of Professor P Sanderson), Professor C Jarvis, Professor M Kagioglou, Professor N King, Dr S Lui, Dr J Meaton (on behalf of Professor J Johnes), Mr M Mills, Professor J Owen-Lynch, Mr J Stephen, Professor T Thornton, Dr L Waters, Ms K White, Dr S White
- In Attendance:** Mrs M Boryslawskyj, Ms S Campbell, Ms K Engel, Dr J Grainger, Mr C Blair, Mr A Mandebura, Professor L Towns-Andrews, Mrs K Sherlock
- Observers:** Mr E Haruna, Mr J Rodgers
- Apologies:** Mr W Alenezi, Professor S Donnelly, Professor J Johnes, Professor J Malay, Mr A McConnell, Professor P Miller, Dr Y Novakovic, Ms A Pettican (after meeting), Professor P Sanderson, Professor T Schmidt, Professor D Taylor

The Chair welcomed Mr E Haruna & Mr J Rodgers to observe the meeting and thanked Mr T Bowden for his contribution to Senate.

## **REGS-SC-27Jun18-1.0 SENATE BRIEFING**

### **1.1 Estates Briefing**

- Members were advised that the repairs in Student Central would be completed by September 2018.
- It was noted that the Oastler Building had been completed within budget.
- Members were advised that Bath House on Queen Street would become a Design Centre and café and should be completed by September 2019.
- Members noted that the Data Centre would be refurbished and the Queen Street Data Centre would be decommissioned.
- Members were advised that the Barbara Hepworth Building should be completed by July 2019.
- Members noted that a substation was being built on Western Campus to provide additional power and this would be completed by September 2019.
- Members were advised that the Railway Innovation Centre was on budget despite the adaptations that had been made.
- Members were advised that the Joseph Priestley Building was now being used by students.

- Members were briefed on the carbon reduction plan which was taking place throughout campus.
- Members were advised that the Science Building construction had started and completion was likely to be September 2019. It was noted that the laboratories on the third floor would be available to be used by schools in the area.

## **REGS-SC-14Mar18-2.0 MINUTES**

- 2.1 Resolved:** that the minutes of the meeting held on 14 March 2018 be accepted as a correct record. **(REGS-SC-14Mar18-M)**

## **REGS-SC-27Jun18-3.0 MATTERS ARISING**

- 3.1** There were no matters arising.

## **REGS-SC-27Jun18-4.0 CHAIR'S BUSINESS**

- 4.1** There was no Chair's business to discuss.

## **REGS-SC-27Jun18-5.0 UNIVERSITY NEWS**

- 5.1** Members were briefed on a range of news from around the University including the following items:
- The University entered the top third of the 2019 Guardian University Guide. Huddersfield is now placed 41 out of 121 UK institutions, having increased by 36 places in two years.
  - Huddersfield has retained its first place ranking with HESA. It also leads the university sector for the number of academics who hold postgraduate degrees and it is making exceptional progress in its drive to ensure that all lecturers have doctorates – the gold standard for expertise in their subject areas.
  - The University's Director of Estates and Facilities, Colin Blair MBE, has become a Deputy Lieutenant of West Yorkshire.
  - Professor Christine Jarvis, Pro Vice-Chancellor of Learning and Teaching, and Dr Jenny Grainger, Director of Marketing, Communications and Student Recruitment, have joined the University's current five Companions of the Chartered Management Institute.
  - The University is to receive EPSRC funding of £1.5million for Material Science and Engineering doctoral projects as part of the Doctoral Training Partnerships.
  - Professor Brigid Featherstone has led an enquiry into adoption in the UK; commissioned by the British Association of Social Workers. The outcome is that the association is now calling for a review of adoption law in the UK.
  - Dr Nadia Wager led a report which fed into the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse.
  - Dr Jane Jiang has been chosen by the Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council (EPSRC) to be one of five engineering advocates that will promote the Government's campaign entitled the Year of Engineering.
  - A Linguistics team at the University, led by Professor Lesley Jeffries, is to make Hansard accessible and user-friendly.

- Early English Viols: Instruments, Makers and Music, co-authored by Professor John Bryan, has been named as 2018 winner of the Nicholas Bessaraboff Prize, awarded by the American Musical Instrument Society.
- The University's School of Applied Sciences has acquired a state-of-the-art 3D bioprinter, aiding Dr Alan Smith's research which has discovered that fluid gel can overcome the problems of bioprinters replicating softer human tissues.
- A book of poems handwritten by Ted Hughes and specially bound by his son is the latest addition to the University's important archive of rare, precious and fascinating editions of the works by the late Laureate.
- The University has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Shanghai Jiao Tong University in China.
- Lecturers from the University's multi-disciplinary Secure Societies Institute will train Bahraini police officers in the latest crime scene investigation techniques. The officers will complete an MSc in Security Science.
- Sir Patrick Stewart opened the world-leading scientific research facility at the University called MIAMI which stands for Microscope and Ion Accelerator for Materials Investigation. The facility is a unique dual-beam ion accelerator housed in its own purpose-built, two-storey lab.
- The Duchess of York returned to the campus to see how this year's cohort of talented undergraduates rose to her latest challenge. The First-year Textile Practice students were asked to respond to the word "Apothecary".
- The University's Chancellor HRH The Duke of York met the Chinese President Xi Jinping when he visited China at the end of May to enhance the China-UK friendship.
- The University was awarded both the Outstanding Strategic Planning Management Team award and the Outstanding Leadership & Management Team award at the Times Higher Awards. The University was also shortlisted for the Outstanding Financial Performance award.

#### **To consider and approve:**

#### **REGS-SC-27Jun18-6.0 MEMBERSHIP**

**6.1 Resolved:** to approve the updated membership of Senate.  
(REGS-SC-27Jun18-6.1)

**6.2 Resolved:** to approve the appointment of J Lane to represent Senate on behalf of the academic staff at University Council.

**6.3** It was agreed that expressions of interest would be sought from the Committee's membership.

#### **To note:**

#### **REGS-SC-27Jun18-7.0 HONORARY AWARDS**

**7.1** Members were updated on the recipients for 2018 and were asked to invite colleagues to propose nominees for future years. Members were reminded that the names of those nominated were to be kept confidential until formally announced by the University.

**Resolved:** to recommend the nominations to Council.

#### **REGS-SC-27Jun18-8.0 APPLICATIONS FOR 2018**

- 8.1 The Deputy Vice-Chancellor updated members on the recruitment campaign for September 2018 and 2019 entry. Members were reminded of the challenging recruitment environment and the need to demonstrate innovation and work hard to ensure effective applications and conversions. Members were advised that the approaching admissions cycle will continue to be competitive and cautioned against complacency. Members were reminded that clearing will open next week.

### **REGS-SC-27Jun18-9.0 REPORTS FROM THE PRO VICE-CHANCELLOR (TEACHING AND LEARNING)**

#### NSS

- 9.1 The Pro Vice-Chancellor confirmed that the NSS was now closed and the results would be released on 27 July 2018.

#### Teaching Excellence Framework

- 9.2 The Pro Vice-Chancellor advised that leads were in place for each subject area within the Schools and central support would be available to assist the Schools.

#### UTLC Summaries

- 9.3 The summaries of the 21 March and 23 May 2018 meetings were noted.
- Members attention was drawn to the approved amendments to the equality & diversity policy and the changes to the Regulations, which were mostly updates.
  - It was noted that discussions were held regarding personal tutors and Bright Space.

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### **REGS-SC-27Jun18-10.0 REPORT FROM THE PRO VICE-CHANCELLOR (INTERNATIONAL)**

#### Update on International Enrolments & Recruitment

- 10.1 The Director of the International Office advised that recruitment continued to be strong overall and advised the members that several recruitment events were planned overseas in the coming weeks.

#### International Student Barometer

- 10.2 The Director of the International Office presented the outcomes to the Committee. Members were pleased to note the positive report.

#### University International Committee Summaries

- 10.3 The summaries of the 21 February and 25 April 2018 meetings were noted.

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#### Fujian Normal University/University of Huddersfield Joint Institute

- 10.4

The Deputy Vice-Chancellor informed the members that a major initiative had been undertaken to strengthen the University's international links. Members noted that institutions in China were important partners for the University. Members were advised that an institutional approval and validation event had recently taken place to approve the partnership and the course (BA in Communication Electronics). Members were asked to support the initiative and agreed to support this.

## **REGS-SC-27Jun18-11.0 REPORT FROM THE PRO VICE-CHANCELLOR (RESEARCH & ENTERPRISE)**

### **11.1 University Research Committee Summary**

The summary of the 27 February 2018 meeting was noted.

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## **REGS-SC-27Jun18-12.0 SCHOOL BOARD SUMMARIES**

**12.1** The summaries of the School Boards were noted.

**(REGS-SC-27Jun18-12.1-12.6)**

## **REGS-SC-27Jun18-13.0 UNIVERSITY COUNCIL MINUTES**

**13.1** The University Council minutes dated 22 March 2018 were noted.

**(REGS-SC-27Jun18-13.1)**

## **REGS-SC-27Jun18-14.0 ANNUAL REPORT FROM THE OIA**

**14.1** Members were asked to note the report from the OIA.

**(REGS-SC-27Jun18-14.1)**

## **REGS-SC-27Jun18-15.0 STUDENT CHARTER SIGNING**

**15.1** The Student Charter was signed by the Vice-Chancellor and the incoming SU President for 2018/19.

## **REGS-SC-27Jun18-16.0 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

**16.1** There were no additional matters to discuss.

## **REGS-SC-27Jun18-17.0 AVAILABILITY OF AGENDA, PAPERS AND MINUTES**

**17.1** There were no papers excluded from the Library under Standing Order 11.8.

## **REGS-SC-27Jun18-18.0 DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING**

**18.1** 7 November 2018 at 9.30am in the McClelland Suite

Katie Engel  
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